

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the office action mailed 6-15-2006. Although these amendments are being submitted after final rejection, they are believed to be proper under 37 CFR 1.116 because the Examiner agreed to consider them in a telephone interview on 7-25-2006, and because they place the claims in condition for immediate allowance.

CLAIMS 74-82

Claim 74 (as amended) and its dependent claims 75-82 are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added. The claim enjoys support throughout the original specification, as discussed below in greater detail.

CLAIM 83

Claim 83 should be allowed without amendment.

This claim was rejected as being merely an arrangement of software components. However, in order to invoke 35 USC 112P6, the phrase "means for" or "step for" must not be modified by sufficient structure, material or acts for achieving the specified function, by specific mandate of MPEP 2181.

And, where means plus function language is used to define the characteristics of a machine or manufacture invention, claim limitations must be interpreted to read on only the structures or materials disclosed in the specification and equivalents thereof. MPEP 2106. Claim 83 enjoys support throughout the specification and drawings, such as the discussion of worldwide web and its well known infrastructure (pages 1-7), XML code and rules (pages 13-18), Java programming (pages 21-27), etc. Furthermore, Figure 1 illustrates various computer executed components. Clearly, the foregoing components are clearly recorded on a computer-readable medium or embodied in a programmed machine in order to enjoy the stated functionality of Figures 2A-2D, 3A-3C, and 4A-4C. Furthermore, disclosure may be express, implicit or inherent. *In re Alappat*, 33 F.3d 1526, 1540, 31 USPQ2d 1545, 1554 (Fed. Cir. 1994). MPEP 2106.

Accordingly, means-plus function claim 83 is allowable as-is.

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